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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTION OF HOSTILE SOFTWARE

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/808,260	BRENT, MICHAEL D.
	Examiner	Art Unit
	YONAS BAYOU	2434

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

- This communication is responsive to 06/26/2009.
- The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6, 8-10, 12-14, and 16-21 (7, 11, and 15 are canceled).
- Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - All
 - Some*
 - None
 of the:
 - Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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- DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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- Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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- Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- Other Examiner's Comment.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to applicant's response filed on 06/26/2009.
2. Claims 1-6, 8-10, 12-14, and 16-21 are pending.
3. Claims 7, 11, and 15 are cancelled.
4. Applicant's arguments are persuasive in the light of Applicant Remarks filed on 06/26/2009. Therefore the rejections of the claims have been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-6, 8-10, 12-14, and 16-21 are allowed.
2. Independent claims 1, 19, and 20-21 are the inclusion of the following limitations that are not found in the prior art and they are uniquely distinct features. The closest prior arts are Ostrovsky et al., Patent No. US 5,123,045 and Fielding et al., Pub. No. US 2004/0172551.

Ostrovsky discloses an efficient software protection scheme is presented in which a data processing system provides comprehensive software protection using hardware and software measures. Specifically, it provides protection of the pattern of access to memory during execution of a program and also provides protection of the data stored in memory. The protection scheme is secure in the sense that it behaves like a black box which reveals no information other than the I/O behavior and running time. Thus, not only the values stored in the general purpose memory are hidden, but

also the sequence in which memory location are accessed during execution is hidden. This comprehensive scope of protection is achieved by an extremely efficient scheme. In particular, if the running time of the original program is T , the running time of the protected program is only slower by some factor of $(\log T)^{sup.C}$ where C is a small constant. And Fielding discloses a process of screening one or more software files to determine any that are recognized to have a matching hash signature with a file contained in a database of files known to be Virus, Trojan, Worm, or otherwise potentially malicious or suspicious which then can be safely blocked, quarantined and/or deleted. This is accomplished through a method and apparatus running on a firewall, network device, mail server, server, personal computer, PDA, cell phone or wireless device to compare the hash signature of each incoming software file against a regularly updated database of known infected file hash signatures. One or more users can be alerted when an infected file is identified. If quarantined the file is safely stored until virus software is updated properly with later developed virus definitions file(s), which are then used to eradicate or clean the infected file(s) or computer systems.

However, these arts individually or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the following limitations: "A method for detecting hostile software in a computer system comprising:

storing a representation of configuration data associated with an operating system for the computer system obtained at a first time, wherein the stored representation of configuration data is encrypted prior to being stored;

comparing the stored representation of the configuration data obtained at the first time with a representation of the configuration data associated with the operating system for the computer system obtained at a second time, wherein the operating system is actively operating at the second time; and

if deviation is detected between the stored representation of the configuration data obtained at the first time and the representation of the configuration data obtained at the second time, automatically performing at least one remedial measure in response to the deviation detected, wherein the operating system continues to operate after the at least one remedial measure is performed, wherein the at least one remedial measure comprises determining a storage location associated with suspected executable code in the computer system and moving suspected executable code to a specified storage location for later evaluation, and wherein the at least one remedial measure further comprises determining whether the suspected executable is being executed, and if the suspected executable code is being executed, terminating the execution of the suspected executable code without first providing warning to the suspected executable code prior to terminating the execution to prevent the suspected executable code from performing one or more countermeasures." as claimed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to YONAS BAYOU whose telephone number is (571)272-7610. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f,7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kambiz Zand can be reached on 571-272-3811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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